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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

VOL. II. JAN. FEB. & MARCH, 1843. No. 25.

Stated Meeting, January 6.

Present, twenty-three members.

Dr. CHAPMAN, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The judges of the annual election, held this day, reported that the following officers had been chosen for the present year:—

President.

Peter S. Du Ponceau, LL.D.

Vice Presidents.

Nathaniel Chapman, M.D.,
Robert M. Patterson, M.D.,
Franklin Bache, M.D.

Secretaries.

John K. Kane,
Alexander Dallas Bache, LL.D.,
Robley Dunglison, M.D.,
Joshua Francis Fisher.

Counsellors for Three Years.

Thomas Biddle,
Gouverneur Emerson, M.D.,
Isaac Lea,
Hartman Kuhn.

Counsellor for Two Years,

(In place of Philip H. Nicklin, deceased.)
Benjamin Dorr, D.D.

Curators.

Isaac Hays, M.D.,
Franklin Peale,
John Price Wetherill.

Treasurer.

George Ord.

Letters were read:—

From Rev. S. Wells Williams, dated Macao, 1st Sept. 1842,
—Elliott Cresson, Esq., dated Philadelphia, 5th Jan. 1843,—
and from Mr. George W. Ridgway, dated Philadelphia, 19th
Dec. 1842,—announcing donations to the Society's library.

The following donations were announced:—**FOR THE LIBRARY.**

Proceedings of the Geological Society of London. Vol. III. Part 2.
Nos. 89, 90. 8vo. London, 1842.—*From the Society.*

Premier Voyage à la recherche des sources du Bahr-el-abiad ou Nil
Blanc, ordonné par Mohammed-Aly, &c. &c., sous le commandement de Selim Bimbachi. 8vo. Paris, 1842.—*From M. Jomard.*

Accroissement de la collection Géographique de la Bibliothèque Royale en 1841. 8vo. Paris, 1841.—*From the same.*

The Pharmacopeia of the United States of America, by authority of the National Medical Convention, held at Washington in 1840.
8vo. Philadelphia, 1842.—*From the Revising Committee.*

The Poets and Poetry of America, &c. By Rufus W. Griswold,
Third Edition. 8vo. Philadelphia, 1843.—*From the Editor.*

The Northern Lakes, a Summer Residence for Invalids of the South.
By Daniel Drake, M.D. 8vo. Louisville, Kentucky, 1842.—
From the Author.

Journal of the Franklin Institute. Third Series. Vol. 4. No. 6.—
From Dr. Patterson.

General Therapeutics and Materia Medica, &c. By Robley Dunglison, M.D. 2 Vols. 8vo. Philadelphia, 1843.—*From the Author.*

Early Lessons in Chinese, or Progressive Exercises, &c.; especially adapted to the Canton Dialect. By S. Wells Williams. 8vo. Macao, 1842.—*From the Author.*

A Cycle of Eight Years in the Seasons of Britain. By Luke Howard, F.R.S., &c. 8vo. London, 1842.—*From Elliott Cresson, Esq.*

Account of the Induction Inclinometer, and of its Adjustments. By the Rev. H. Lloyd, D.D., F.R.S. 8vo. London, 1842.—*From the Author.*

The American Journal of the Medical Sciences. Edited by Isaac

Hays, M.D. New Series. No. 9. Jan. 1843. 8vo.—*From the Editor.*

On certain Medical Delusions; an Introductory Lecture to the Course of Institutes of Medicine in Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia. By Robley Dunglison, M.D. 8vo. Philadelphia, 1842.—*From the Author.*

Mr. Walker presented a communication from Mr. Simeon Borden, describing the apparatus used by him in measuring the base line for his survey of the State of Massachusetts; and it was referred to a Committee, consisting of Mr. Walker, Dr. Patterson, and Professor Kendall.

Dr. Morton read the second part of a paper “On the Form of the Head, and other Ethnographic Characters of the Ancient Egyptians:” and it was referred to a Committee, consisting of Dr. Patterson, Dr. Dunglison, and Dr. Goddard, to whom the first part of the same paper had been referred.

Professor Bache communicated to the Society, that in consequence of the want of funds for the support of the Magnetic Observatory, the bi-hourly observations, and those for maxima and minima, had ceased with the first of the present year.* He further stated, that it was his intention to keep up the term-day observations, and also to have an observation of the magnetic instruments made each day, to connect the indications of the magnetometers from one term-day to another. Certain of the meteorological observations were also to be continued.

Dr. Bache, late Reporter, announced the publication of Nos. 23 and 24 of the Society’s Proceedings, which complete the series for 1842.

The Secretaries reported, that Dr. Dunglison had been charged with the office of Corresponding Secretary, and Mr. Kane with that of Reporter, for the ensuing year.

* Subsequently resumed.—**REPORTER.**